

REMARKS

Attorney docket number

Applicant notes that the attorney docket number has changed from 10142.0005 to 10676.0011.

Status of the claims

Claims 5-43 and 45-49 are pending. Claims 1-4 and 44 were previously cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicant reserves the right to pursue these claims in subsequent and pending applications. Claims 7-30 were withdrawn by the Examiner and are cancelled by this amendment. Claims 5, 6, 31-43 and 45-49 are under consideration.

In the Office Action, claims 5, 6, 31, 32, 38-41, 48 and 49 were allowed, while claims 33-37, 42, 43, and 45-47 were rejected.

Amendments to the claims

By this amendment, solely in order to expedite prosecution, Applicant cancels claims 7-30, 33-37, 42, 43, and 45-47 without prejudice or disclaimer to bring the application in condition for allowance. Applicant reserves the right to pursue these claims in subsequent and pending applications. Only the allowed claims 5, 6, 31, 32, 38-41, 48 and 49 remain pending in the instant application.

Conclusion

As only allowed claims remain pending, Applicant respectfully requests timely allowance and issuance of the instant patent application. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would be useful in resolving any outstanding issues, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at (202) 408-4173. Please grant any

extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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